

polypeptides, chemical moieties, etc) are sufficiently related to each other that a search encompassing any one agent within that class will necessarily overlap with searches encompasses other agents within that class. Applicants suggest that the requirement to elect a single agent for prosecution on the merits be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that claim 1 is a linking claim for the inventions of Group I. Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that, in accordance with MPEP 809, "should any linking claim be allowed, the restriction requirement must be withdrawn."

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 constitute the pending claims in the present application, and Applicants elect with traverse inventions of Group I. If any clarification of the above response would facilitate prosecution of this application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at 617-951-7000. Should an extension of time be required, Applicants hereby petition for same and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this submission be charged to **Deposit Account No. 18-1945**.

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